

Purpose ~~This is a bill~~ The National Defense Education Act
is intended to provide scholarships and loans
for well qualified but needy students. The
need for a broader Federal scholarship program
has been sharply brought into focus by the
scientific advances made by the Soviets.
The ~~supporters~~ ^{supporters} of the bill have declared that if
the United States is going to remain ahead
of the Soviets in the present race for
survival, it can't afford to lose its vast
reservoir of manpower in the fields of engineer-
ing, science, and the humanities merely
because these young Americans cannot pay for
college education. They ~~emphasize~~ ^{emphasize} that
the National Defense Education Act will give
these young people the opportunity to develop
their intellectual potential, not only for their
own benefit but for the benefit of their country
and the free world.

The National Defense Education Act

Purpose - The basic purpose of the bill is to help schools and colleges meet certain emergency needs which are particularly important to national security and the national interest. The bill would help improve and broaden the teaching of science, mathematics and foreign languages. It would provide Federal scholarships based on student ability and financial need, and in addition would establish student loan funds to be financed by Federal funds and colleges.